

The Tragedy of Hamlet

excellent differences, of very soft society, and great showing: indeede to speake feelingly of him, he is the card or kalender of Gentry: for you shall finde in him the continent of what part a Gentleman would see.

Ham. Sir, his definement suffers no perdition in you, though I know to devide him inuentorially, would dizzie th' arithmeticke of memory, and yet but raw neither, in respect of his quick saile, but in the verity of extolment, I take him to be a soule of great article, and his infusion of such dearch and rarenesse, ns to make true dixon of him, his semblable is his mirrour, and who els would trace him, his vinbrage, nothing more.

Cour. Your Lordship speakes most infallibly of him.

Ham. The concernancy sir, why do wee wrap the Gentleman in our more rawer breath?

Cour. Sir.

Hora. Ist not possible to vnderstand in another tongue, you will doo't sir really.

Ham. What imports the nomination of this Gentleman?

Cour. Of Laertes.

Hora. His purse is empty already, all's golden words are spent.

Ham. Of him sir.

Cour. I know you are not ignorant.

Ham. I would you did sir, yet in sayth if you did, it would not much approue me, well sir.

Cour. You are ignorant of what excellence Laertes is

Ham. I dare not confesse that, least I should compare with him in excellence, but to know a man well, were to know himselfe.

Cour. I meane sir for this weapon, but in the imputation layd on him by them in his meed, hee's vnfellowed.

Ham. What's his weapon?

Cour. Rapiar and Digger.

Ham. That's two of his weapons, but well.

Cour. The King sir hath waged with him six Barbary horses against the which he has impaund as I take it six french Rapiers and Poynards, with their assignes, as girdle, hanger and so. Three of the cariages in faith, are very deare to fancy, very responsive to the hilts, most dilicate carriages, and of very liberall conceit.

Ham. What call you the carriages?

Hora. Iknew you must be edified by the margent ere you had done.

Prince of Denmark

done.

Cour. The carriage sir are the hangers
Ham. The phrase would be more Gentle
could carry a Cannon by our sides, I would
then, but on, six Barbary horses against
signes, and three liberall conceited carriage
against the Danish, why is this all you can

Cour. The King sir, hath laid sir, that
your selfe and him, hee shall not exceede
layd on twelue for nine, and it would cost
your Lordshippe would vouchsafe the answer

Ham. How if I answer no?

Cour. I meane my Lord the oppositio

Ham. Sir I will wa'ke heere in the hall
is the breathing time of day with mee, let
Gentleman willinge, and the Kinge heare
for him and I can, if not I will gaine not
odde hits.

Cour. Shall I deliuer you so?

Ham. To this effect sir, after what

Cour. I commend my duty to your

Ham. Yours doo's well to commend
tongues els for's turne.

Hora. This Lapwing runnes away

Ham. A did so sir with his dugge be
many more of the same breede that I know
onely got the tune of the time, and of
kind of misty collection, which carryes
the most prophane and trennowned of
them to their tryall, the bubbles are out

Enter a Lord.

Lord. My Lord, his Maiesty comm
Ostricke, who brings backe to him th
hee sends to know if your pleasure hold
you will take longer time?

Ham. I am constant to my purpose
sure, if his fitnes speakes, mine is read
uided I be so able as now.